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SERVING OF CONTAMINATED FOOD IN JNVs
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints relating to serving of contaminated food to the children of JNVs where by the children fell sick during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to check the same; and

(c) the action taken so far by the Government against the guilty persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a) Two complaints relating to serving of contaminated food to the children of JNVs have been reported during the last three years.

(b) The Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti(NVS) has issued instructions to the Principals of all Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNV) to ensure effective supervision in managing the Vidyalaya mess. The staff nurses of the Vidyalayas have also been directed to check the health, hygiene and sanitation of the mess and dining hall of the Vidyalaya and also to check the quality of food.

(c) In JNV, Raipur (Chhattisgarh), disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against the catering assistant. In JNV, Nagaur (Rajasthan), the drinking water being supplied to the school through a 8 km long pipeline was contaminated. Moreover, the school children had visited a local fair and had consumed contaminated food. Memorandum has been issued to the erring Vidyalya staff.